NOTES FOR THE RAPPORTEUR
OF THE SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL
COMMITTEE
(THIRD COMMITTEE)

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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

It is a great privilege for me to introduce to the General Assembly the reports of the Third Committee, submitted under agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly, namely items 26, 27, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 106, 107, 121 and 135.

The reports, contained in documents A/71/476 to A/71/488 include the texts of draft resolutions and decisions recommended to the General Assembly for adoption.
For the convenience of delegations, the Secretariat has issued document A/C.3/71/INF/1*, which contains a checklist of actions taken on the draft proposals contained in the reports before this Assembly.

Mr. President,

Under agenda item 26, including sub-items (a) and (b), entitled “Social development”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 27 of document A/71/476, the adoption of five draft resolutions, and in paragraph 28, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 27 entitled “Advancement of women”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 34 of document A/71/477, the adoption of four draft resolutions, and in paragraph 35, the adoption of one draft decision.


Under agenda item 64 entitled “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 29 of document A/71/480, the adoption of three draft resolutions and in paragraph 30, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 65 entitled “Rights of indigenous peoples”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of document A/71/481, the adoption of one draft resolution and in paragraph 13, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 66, entitled “Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 24 of document A/71/482, the adoption of three draft resolutions and, in paragraph 25, the adoption of one draft decision.
Under agenda item 67 entitled “Right of peoples to self-determination”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 22 of document A/71/483 the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 68 entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 5 of document A/71/484, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 68 (a) entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights: Implementation of human rights instruments”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 14 of document A/71/484/Add.1 the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 68 (b) entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 137 of document A/71/484/Add.2*, the adoption of sixteen draft resolutions.
Under agenda item 68 (c) entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 34 of document A/71/484/Add.3, the adoption of four draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 68 (d), entitled “Promotion and protection of human rights: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly that no action was required under the item.

Under agenda item 106 entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 24 of document A/71/485 the adoption of four draft resolutions, and in paragraph 25, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 107, entitled “International drug control”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of document A/71/486, the adoption of two draft resolutions.
Under agenda item 121, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the Third Committee recommends, in paragraph 5 of document A/71/487, the adoption of one draft decision.

Finally, under agenda item 135, entitled “Programme planning”, the Third Committee wishes to advise the Assembly, in document A/71/488, that no action was required under the item.

Mr. President,

I would like to thank my fellow Bureau members, namely: the Chair of the Committee, Her Excellency Ambassador María Emma Mejía, Permanent Representative of Colombia; and the Vice-Chairs, Mr. Masni Eriza of Indonesia, Mrs. Karina Węgrzynowska of Poland and Mr. Andreas Glossner of Germany, as well as the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane, and his able team for their unwavering support and sound advice in the efficient management of the proceedings of the Third Committee. Finally, I am
grateful to all Third Committee experts for their support to the Bureau and their friendship.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I should like to respectfully commend the reports of the Third Committee before the plenary of the General Assembly for its consideration.

Thank you.